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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please add the following heading before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5.

Background of the Invention

Please add the following heading before the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 17.

Summary of the Invention

Please add the following heading before the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 29.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Please add the following heading before the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 6.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 1 as follows:

Fig. 2 2a a metering device for a molten bath with detailed variants (Fig. 21, 2b);

Fig. 2b a metering device for a molten bath with detailed variants;

Fig. 3 a rotating and tilting device, top view, and

Fig. 4 a rotating and tilting device, side view;

Fig. 5 a detailed view of the conveying tube.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 12 as follows:

The molten bath is supplied via a tube 5, which tightly seals a fill hole of the steel bath 2, and whose lower end is always located under the fill level 4, thereby greatly reducing oxide formation and gas introduction while filling. A funnel 7 6 is placed on the tube 5, and the molten metal passes from the funnel 6 through a filter 7 and into the tube 5.